Government comprises not only the expenditure of the two Secretariats and various Ministries involved in various items of Parliamentary work but also of several Public Sector Undertakings involved in this work. In view of these inherent limitations, it is not practicable to compile the requisite information in a meaningful manner.

Progress made by SIT in Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case

1437. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SIT, investigating into the LTTE involvement in the assassination of the former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, has unearthed huge deposits of arms and ammunitions, including its manufacturing facilities, of the Sri Lankan terrorists in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the SIT has traced out many Indians who are suspected to have provided active assistance to the LTTE in perpetratng violence and other unlawful activities on Indian soil;

(c) if so, the number of suspects who have so far been detained and booked under TADA and other Acts separately; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the investigators had also conducted raid in the premises of a Member of Parliament in this connection and detected unauthorised deposit of gold bars and foreign currencies from there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on Table of the House.

Progress made by SIT in Rajiv Gandhi Murder Case

1438. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWAS RAO RAMRAO PATIL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made by the SIT in its investigation into Rajiv Gandhi murder case and whether any further evidenec to fix the culprits has been achieved; and

(b) whether there is any evidence apart from involvement of terrorists, trained by Pakistan, of any other country being responsible in planning the murder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) SIT has so far examined 400 witnesses, conducted searches at 52 places and seized about a thousand documents. 16 accused persons including nine Srilankans have been arrested; of them, one committed suicide following his escape from custody. Two main accused Sivarasan and Subha were also traced to their hideout in Bangalore and during the operation to arrest them, they committed suicide. Investigation is in progress.

(b) These matters are still under investigation and revealing of details at this stage may not be in the interest of the case.

Compensation for Deaths in Police Custody

1439. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Starred Question 128 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th September, 1991 and state: